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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to send you attached the text of a statement made to the Iraqi news agency on 22 October 1994 by Mr. Muhammad Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning two discussion papers that were handed to the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations by the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America and the United Kingdom to the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would inform the members of the Security Council of the above-mentioned statement and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq on 22 October 1994

The Minister for Foreign Affairs stated:

Last Friday afternoon the representative of the United States of America and the representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations separately handed discussion papers to our Permanent Representative in New York containing the interpretation of the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States of America of Security Council resolution 949 (1994).

This action by the United States of America and the United Kingdom is a strange one: how is it that these two Governments take it upon themselves to interpret a resolution of the Security Council in a manner that suits themselves?

This is just one more attempt by these two Governments to control the Security Council and to impose their tyrannical views on it.

Iraq confirmed its good intentions in the Iraqi-Russian declaration issued on 13 October, in the declaration made by the Deputy Prime Minister to the Security Council on 17 October 1994 and also by concrete measures that it took even before the issuance of resolution 949 (1994).

The domination of the United States of America and the United Kingdom over the resolutions and actions of the Security Council is the main reason why the Council was diverted from its original intentions, failed to achieve legal compliance with its resolutions and, consequently, failed to lift the current blockade of Iraq. The position of these two domineering Governments is intrinsically different from those of the majority of States members of the Council.

We shall inform the members of the Council of this unilateral action by the United States of America and the United Kingdom and shall emphasize the need for the interpretation of Security Council resolutions to be legal, equitable and balanced.